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1. In late June 1948, two representatives of the Politburo arrived in Vienna from Moscow for talks with local Soviets and certain Communist leaders. They are to advise the Austrian Communist Party on future policy, possibly through the Soviets. Their arrival allegedly upset the local Communists.

2. In a special meeting on 3 July of some members of the CP Central Committee, it was decided to invite members of the SED (Sozialistische Einheitspartei Deutschland) from Germany to act as propaganda agents in Austria. It was further agreed to invite Communists from Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and southeastern countries to strengthen the Party in Austria. [REDACTED] Comment: This may be a confirmation of previous unverified rumors and reports that several hundred Czech Communists have recently been imported, especially in the Zistersdorf area.)

3. The Party has determined unofficially to abstain from sending delegates to the Yugoslav Party Congress. The Austrian Communist Party does not believe that the Soviet-Yugoslav rift can be settled peacefully. An official statement is expected this week.

4. At the close of this session of Parliament on 8 July, Communist leader Ernst Fischer attempted to applaud President Renner's speech, but was restrained by a colleague. Fischer also attempted to join in the final cry of "Long Live Austria" and was again forestalled. After the meeting, he was chided by Communist leaders Honner, Elser, and Koplenig, who remarked that Fischer had recently shown himself "more and more anti-Communist". Fischer was criticized on the same day by the Communist Central Committee, and his case will be discussed again on 12 July.

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